tions marking the Second anniversary of the signing of the Indo-Sri-Lanka Peace Accord and against arrival of the IPKF in Sri Lanka as a result of which fresh wave of violence broke out killing 18 IPKF soldiers among the 37 people killed;

(b) if so, what are the details and what is the reaction of the Government of India for the renewed demand of the Sri Lankan Government and JVP and LTTE for the withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka and by what time IPKF would be withdrawn from Sri Lanka;

(c) whether the fighting is continuing in the Wanni jungles between the LTTE militants and IPKF;

(d) if so, what are the details and the number of IPKF and LTTE people killed and injured in the renewed fighting between IPKF and LTTE; and

(e) what is the latest position of Indian and Sri Lankan Governments view-point in respect of the demand for the withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Though such calls had been issued by the JVP, the killing of 18 IPKF soldiers by the LTTE was not related to the violence perpetrated by the JVP.

(b) Government has stated that the de-induction schedule of the IPKF and related issues can be settled only through joint consultations. These consultation have recently been held.

(c) Normal IPKF operations continue in all the sectors.

(d) During the period 29th July, 1989 to 3rd August, 1989, 12 IPKF personnel were killed and 26 wounded. In an operation of this nature, it is not possible to indicate, with any accuracy, LTTE casualties.

(e) It would not be correct for Government to comment on the viewpoint of another sovereign Government. Government of India's viewpoint has been spelt out in (b) above.

Violence against Indian Banks in Sri Lanka

2780. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether bombs were hurled into the Branches of State Bank of India and Indian Bank in Colombo, capital of Sri Lanka, while the office of an Indian Company, Humepipes Ltd. was set on fire on 26th July, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details of the loss of life and damage caused; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government of India with Sri Lankan Government to prevent such happenings and prevent violence against Indian business establishments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was no loss of life. However, in the State Bank of India building some furniture was damaged, in the Indian Bank, one local security guard received injuries and in the Indian Humepipes office, the office was gutted.

(e) Our High Commission in Colombo took up the matter immediately with the Sri Lankan Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Defence and the Defence Secretary and lodged a formal protest. High Commission officials also got in touch with concerned Defence and Police authorities for enhancing security arrangements for Indian commercial establishments.

Improvement of Calcutta Port

2781. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of work pertaining to improvement of Calcutta Port undertaken during the Seventh Plan period and the amount of expenditure incurred or in the process of incurring with comparative statement of work and expenditure undertaken during the same period for other major Ports in the country;

(b) the details of further works, procurement of modernised equipment that are planned along with amount of investment made during the Seventh Plan period for Calcutta Port with comparative details for other major Ports in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that full potentialities of Calcutta Port are not being presently exploited; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A list of important development schemes costing Rs. 5 crores and above already undertaken in Calcutta Port and other Major Ports during the Seventh Plan period and the likely expenditure during this Plan is given in Annexure. (See Appendix CLI, Annuxure No. 165)

(b) New Schemes proposed for Calcutta Port and other Major Ports costing Rs. 5 crores and above during the remaining period of the VII Plan are given in Annexure (See Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 166).

(c) and (d) Calcutta Port has limitations of draught but within these limitations the potential of the Port is being exploited.

Post of Rector in Banaras Hindu University

2782. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a post of a Rector in the Banaras Hindu University and whether the Rector officiates as the Vice-Chancellor in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) whether the present Vice-Chancellor has not taken any steps to fill this vacant post; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and steps being taken to fill this post at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir; Statute 3 of the Statutes of the Banaras Hindu University provides, inter-alia, that the Rector shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor. He shall assist the Vice-Chancellor in all matters and shall also exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be delegated to him by the Vice-Chancellor.

(b) and (c) The present Vice-Chancellor has not deemed it appropriate to make recommendations to